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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUANDA 0584

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SUBJECT: SUMMIT TALKS

1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH JONAS SAVIMBI ON MAY 14, THE UNITA PRESIDENT TOLD ME HE SUSPECTS THAT AGOSTINHO NETO, PRESIDENT OF MPLA, AND THE PORTUGUESE ARE UP TO NO GOOD. THE PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVED IN LUANDA ON MAY 13 FOR DISCUSSIONS ON WAYS AND MEANS TO END VIOLENCE AND INVIGORATE THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT.

2. SAVIMBI MET WITH NETO ON MAY 13 AT WHICH TIME NETO CONFIRMED THAT ANTUNES WOULD BE IN LUANDA THAT DAY AND THAT THERE WOULD BE A MEETING AT THREE P.M. OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WITH ANTUNES. LATER THE HOUR WAS CHANGED TO FOUR. NETO DID NOT SHOW UP AT THE MEETING AND SENT LOPO DE NASCIMENTO WITH THE EXCUSE THAT THE MEETING HAD BEEN CHANGED TO FOUR AND AS HE HAD AN APPOINTMENT AT THAT TIME WITH THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO ZAIRE HE COULD NOT MAKE IT. SAVIMBI REASONED THAT NETO DID NOT EXPECT A SESSION WITH ANTUNES, HIMSELF AND JOHNNY EDUARDO OF FNLA TO LAST ONE HOUR; THEREFORE, NDTO EITHER
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ATTACHES HIGHER PRIORITY TO HIS CUBAN CONNECTION THAN THE

MOMENTOUS PROBLEMS OF ANGOLA, OR HE AND ANTUNES HAVE ALREADY WORKED OUT THE SCENARIO, KNOW ALL THE LINES AND NETO COULD SEND A MOUTHPIECE. AT THE MEETING BOTH SAVIMBI AND EDUARDO REITERATED THEIR OPPOSITION TO A SUMMIT MEETING THAT INCLUDED THE PORTUGUESE. THE ONE MAJOR ITEM WAS AGREEMENT BY ALL THREE MOVEMENTS THAT THERE MUST BE ELECTIONS. SAVIMBI TOLD ANTUNES THAT THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE STRUCTURE CREATED AT ALVOR - IT WAS AND IS THE BEST THAT COULD BE HOPED FOR. THE PROBLEM IS IN THE EXECUZION AND THERE IS NO PROPER ROLE FOR THE PORTUGUESE OUTSIDE THE MILITARY RESPONSIBILITY IT HAS. EDUARDO TOOK THE SAME LINE AND NASCIMENTO URGED PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION IN THE SUMMIT.

3. SAVIMBI IS ALSO WORRIED ABOUT HOLDEN ROBERTO. HE HAD PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO KINSHASA AS SOON AS ROBERTO RETURNED HOME FROM HIS CURRENT MID-EAST TOUR, BUT JOHNNY EDUARDO SAID ON MAY 13 THAT HE, EDUARDO, COULD SIT IN FOR ROBERTO AND REPORT BACK. SAVIMBI FINDS THIS UNACCEPTABLE AND IS CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN FNLA DECISION TO DELAY THE MEETING UNTIL JUNE. FNLA IS SAYING IT RECOGNIZES THE URGENCY OF THE MEETING, BUT DOES NOT WANT TO BE PRECIPITATE. SAVIMBI IS STILL PLANNING TO GET UP TO KINSHASA AS SOON AS HE CAN.
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